

**ADDENDUM #1
TO SPEC. 05-268**

**One (1) Ion Chromatograph System
For Lincoln Water Systems**

Addendum #1 to Specification 05-268 for One (1) Ion Chromatograph System. Bids to be opened on Wednesday, October 26, 2005 at 12:00 noon.

Statement: Bidders shall note in Section 2.2 of the general Information/Special Provisions, "The bid proposal shall be in accordance with these specifications with any exceptions, clarifications, or alternates clearly stated and outlined in detail."

Statement: Section 2.2.3 of the General Information/Special Provisions state: "All alternates will be considered."

The following questions were submitted regarding this bid.

Question/Comment 1: Section 6.2.1 "....Reagent Free Ion Chromatography (RFIC)..." This is a marketing term. RFIC is not possible. All ion chromatographs require some type of reagents in order to achieve separation of the analytes of interest. However, the process was designed as a convenience tool so that the customer does not have to custom mix eluents his/her self. There are alternatives to this process but as it is stated in the specification it would lock anyone else out of the bidding process.

Response: Reagent Free Ion Chromatography is a technology which allows for a certified pure reagent/eluant to be added to the system and that the only thing the chemist needs to add is pure deionized water (eliminating the time spent making eluants/reagents, weighing chemicals out, mixing, verifying concentration/purity and helps reduce possible lab contamination.) The City of Lincoln is open to another vendor that can do this with other technologies which accomplishes the same goal and offers better operating conditions and greater instrument sensitivity. All technologies will be considered.

Question/Comment 2: Section 6.2.4 Again, this reinforces number 6.2.1. Eluents are reagents. Only one vendor world wide can "meet" this specification. It is a patented process.

Response: This was answered in Response to Question/Comment 1.

Question/Comment 3: Section 6.2.7 “membrane-based self-regenerating chemical suppression” Again there is only one company in the world that can meet this specification. Membranes are very expensive, not user serviceable, and cost the customer a lot of money. There are other vendors who can provide a more cost effective and better technology.

Response: Other vendors have indicated in prior correspondence that they do have a technology for self-regenerating chemical suppression, but with a slightly different process to achieve the same goal. This must be indicated in the bid for consideration.

Question/Comment 4: Section 6.5 Compatibility to this vendor’s software is not possible from another IC. This is a lock-out specification. This software is proprietary to the stated vendor.

Response: The City of Lincoln/Lincoln Water Systems Laboratory currently has this software and an autosampler as indicated with no provisions to replace. If a bidder can provide a complete system (which may include software) and operate with current autosampler (spec. 6.3) in the bid or if the bidders product is superior and wishes to replace our system with theirs and pricing is right, it will be considered.

Question/Comment 5: Will there be a software upgrade required to run the proposed ICS-2000 IC system?

Response: If bidder determines that a software upgrade is needed to conform to specifications, the required costs shall be included in item #1 on the bid proposal submittal.

Question/Comment 6: Are there possible trade-ins available and what would the serial numbers be on those items?

Response: If successful bidder replaces the complete system the City will entertain trade-ins.

Question/Comment 7: Clarify the difference between 12-month extended warranty and request for additional service agreement for one-year after installation.

Response: A warranty will cover the cost of replacement (normally service completed at vendor service location), but does not include things such as preventative maintenance, software upgrades and travel costs for on-site service. The service agreement would include all of these costs.

All other terms and conditions to remain unchanged.

Dated this October 17, 2005

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